

BLOOD FINALE! ONE LIVES. ONE DIES.

PURGATORI

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CAIRO, EGYPT. THE SUCCUBUS SATRINA RESTS IN INCENSE-SCENTED SILK, IN THE BED OF SAKKARA.

THAT'S A NEW NECKLACE, ISN'T IT MY LOVE?

SAKKARA, THE HUMAN GUISE OF THE VAMPIRE GODDESS, PURGATORI!

IT'S A BLOOD TROPHY! SYMBOL OF MY RISING POWER AND A WARNING, PROMISING A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH TO ANYONE WHO WOULD BETRAY ME.

BE SILENT, MY VICIOUS LITTLE PLAY-THING.

HEAR HOW I WON MY RARE PRIZE.

MMMPH!



THREE MOONS AGO,
IN THE CITY CALLED
SAN FRANCISCO.

THE MEMBERS-ONLY CLUB,
USHER, CATERED TO INSIPID
MORTALS WHO FANCY THEM-
SELVES "CHILDREN OF
THE NIGHT."

COMES
MIDNIGHT --
AND I DON'T
NEED A LOVER.
I NEED A
VICTIM.

I NEED A
VICTIM.

I NEED A
VICTIM.

I
NEED
YOU.

I HUNTED
DRACULA
AMONG
PAINTED
PRETENDERS.

I ADMIT, UPSETTING MY BLOOD
DAUGHTER JADE'S SHANGHAI
POWER-BASE ALSO SERVED MY
GOALS -- DRACULA USED ME. THERE
WOULD BE DIRE CONSEQUENCES.



OH YEAH,
RAZOR
ME -- SUCK
IT HARD.

I SEEK
A VAMPIRE,
LITTLE
ONE.

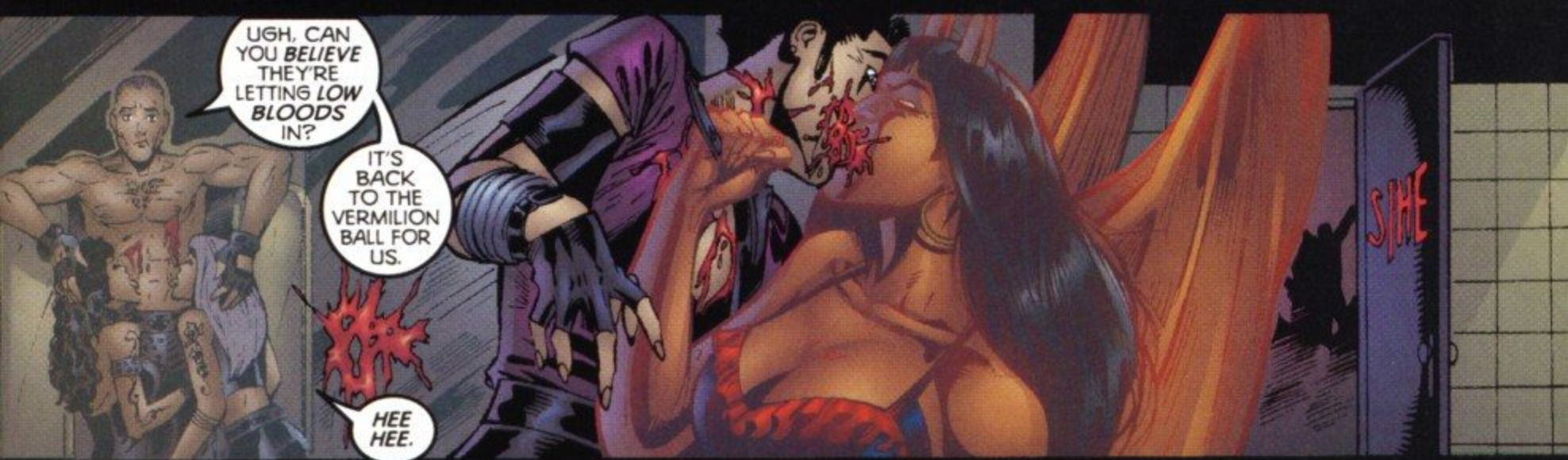
Mmm...
I'M TWENTY-
NOTHING --
WHO ARE
YOU?

Mmm,
YES
CHILDREN.



SPEAK
WHEN
SPOKEN
TO!

GO
AHEAD
I LIKE IT
ROUGH.



UGH, CAN
YOU BELIEVE
THEY'RE
LETTING LOW
BLOODS
IN?

IT'S
BACK
TO THE
VERMILION
BALL FOR
US.

HEE
HEE.



"LOW
BLOOD?" YOU
SPIT THE INSULT
LIKE A PUNG
BEETLE,
BOY.

BEHOLD
MY TRUE
FACE!

GAHH!

I PREFER
STALKING HOT
BLOOD --

EVEN
THE THIN
BLOOD OF
HUMANS --

TO
YOUR VAMPIRE
THREATRE!

NNGH!

AAAH!!

ROOHH!

TWENTY NOTHING.
YOU HAVE BEEN
TAKEN BY A TRUE
VAMPIRE!
WHO?

YOU
WON'T HURT
ME.

YOU
KNOW THE
DARK BIRD
TATTOO... OF
THE LORD.

YOU'RE
DRACULA'S
PROPERTY.

IT'S A
PLEASURE
YOU'LL NEVER
KNOW. YOU
BITE, YOU'LL HAVE
TO ANSWER TO
A HIGHER
POWER.

THAT'S
A THREAT
I WELCOME,
SLAVE!



I RIPPED STRAIGHT TO
THE TOP OF THE TOWER,
TRANSPORTING US BY
BLOOD ALCHEMY.

EVERY-
WHERE I GO,
YOU'VE ALREADY
BEEN THERE, "LORD
OF VAMPIRES!"
I'VE HAD AS
MUCH OF YOU
AS I CAN
SWALLOW!

I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN YOUR
BETRAYAL!

IT'S YOUR
TURN TO BE
HUMILIATED!

DRACULA!
I'M COMING
FOR YOU!



I'VE FED ON MORTAL VERMIN TOO LONG! I SHOULD BE GORGING MYSELF ON THE BLOOD OF HEAVEN!

OR YOUR BLOOD, DRACULA.

YOU'VE BEEN BUSY.

YOU'RE A LORD AMONG THE HUMAN HERD.



WELL, EMPIRES FALL

DRACULA'S CASTLE.

I AM FAMISHED! SUCH SUDDEN JUMPS LEAVE ME HUNGRY WHEN I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT THE WEAKEST --

WAIT. HE'S NOT HERE!



NO! DRACULA DRAINED EVERY ONE OF HIS SLAVES -- HE HASN'T LEFT ME ENOUGH BLOOD TO WET MY LIPS!



BLEED FOR ME.

COME, LITTLE GIRL. I KNOW A GAME WE CAN PLAY.



WHAT?
THE WALL
SLIDES SHUT
BEHIND
ME?



THIS BRAT
WAS BAIT!



YES, FIRE,
PURGATORI -- FOR
PURIFICATION.



BY SAVING
HUMANITY, I
SAVE MY WORLD.
BUT YOU MUDDY
THE WATERS.

AND SO,
PURGATORI,
GOODBYE.



DAMN YOU,
DRACULA!

THE
CHILD'S BLOOD!
DRACULA'S
BLOOD! I CAN
USE IT!

HE'S
EXHAUSTED
MY BLOOD
ALCHEMY TO
ITS LIMIT!





BUT MY
ANGER AND
MY LUST FOR
VENGEANCE
KNOW --



NO --

LIMIT!



I'M
FREE!



WHERE
AM I?

YOU'RE
CLEVER, DRACULA.
BUT I STOLE YOUR
BLOOD FROM THAT
CHILD, AND USED
IT TO FIND YOU!



GRRRRR

REVENGE!
SCUM!

MORE
VAMPIRE
SLAVES!

SKREEEK

SKREEEK





I'M TOO DEPLETED TO DRAIN THEM BY SUMMONING ALL THEIR BLOOD TO ME!

HSSSTT

GRRRR

CHICHHH



OVERFED CULTISTS! EASY PREY!



GUUSHH

RRARRGH



POISON! THEIR BLOOD'S USELESS!

YES, PURGATORI. NOT A HEALTHY DROP OF BLOOD LEFT TO REVIVE YOURSELF -- SHORT OF SUCKING A RAT!

HAHAHA!

SO TELL ME -- HAS THE LONG NIGHT WORN YOU DOWN?



UNNGH!

YOU'RE WEARY, SUSCEPTIBLE TO MY WILL.



I DEFEY YOU -- I WILL RESIST!

COME.
LET'S FINISH
THIS.

CAN'T
BREAK FREE!
BASTARD'S...
PULLING
ME!

LOOK
AT THIS
MORTAL
WEALTH!

WHY, I
KNOW WHERE
I AM! EVERY
TREASURE! EVERY
INSTRUMENT OF
TORTURE EVER
DEvised BY
MAN!

SOME EVEN
OLDER THAN MAN,
LIKE THIS OCTARITE
CHAIN, MAGICKAL
BONDAGE DEVICE OF
THE ANCIENT
VAMPIRES!

CHINK

THIS
CAN ONLY
BE ONE
PLACE.

THE
VATICAN!
DRACULA'S MADE
HIMSELF MASTER
OF MANKIND'S
LARGEST
CULT!

WHERE
WILL I FIND
THE POWERFUL
BLOOD I REQUIRE
TO FIGHT HIM?
HERE?

SHLUSHHSLUSHH

BACK!
MY LORD
LETS *ME* FINISH
THEM WHEN *HE*
HAS HAD HIS
FILL. GIVES
ME THE *LAST*
DROPS! THE
SWEETEST!

I PRAY
HE LETS
ME HAVE
YOURS.

WELCOME,
PURGATORI.

ENOUGH!
OUR GUEST
DOESN'T NEED
TO HEAR YOU --
NOR DO I.

RRRRGGH

EXCUSE POPE
STEPHEN. HE'S *EXCITED*
YOU'RE FINALLY *HERE*. HE
DOESN'T *FEED* OFTEN --
AND THE BLOODLUST
GNAWS HIM.

I SEE
YOU *FORCE*
ME TO BEND
YOU TO YOUR
PROPER PLACE--
ON YOUR
KNEES.

DAMN
YOU! RELEASE
ME! YOU ARE
BEGGING FOR
TORMENTS
UNHEARD OF
IN HELL!

I HAVE
PROMISED
STEPHEN YOUR
BLOOD -- *UNLESS*,
YOU *SWEAR* YOU'LL
JOIN *ME* IN THE
WAR BETWEEN
THE *VAMPIRE*
CLANS.

YOU
CLAIM YOU WILL
LEAD AN ARMY IN THE
FINAL DAYS OF MAN. I
ALREADY HAVE MY
UNDERGROUND NATION
OF THE *NIGHT*, WHEREVER
HUMANS DWELL. ON MY
COMMAND, THEY WILL
SHAKE THE
WORLD!

ARE
YOU WITH
ME?

NEVER!



I SMELL
HER UNHOLY
BLOOD!
GIVE HER TO
ME!

SILENCE!

AARRGHH!

REMEMBER
YOUR PLACE,
POLITICIAN. AS
LONG AS YOUR
FOLLOWERS ARE LOYAL
TO ME, YOU MAY
CONTINUE TO
SERVE. I WARN YOU --
SPEAK ONLY WHEN
SPOKEN
TO.

OF
COURSE,
LORD.

DON'T
FORGET ME,
"LORD!"
YOU LOVE
IT WHEN YOUR
HUMANS GROVEL,
DON'T YOU,
VLAD?

YOU'RE
SO INSECURE
IN YOUR
POWER!

AM
I?

AND
WHEN I RIP
OPEN YOUR
CHEST AND
TEAR YOUR
HEART --

AHHH!

YOUR
BLOOD! IT HAS
THE STRONGEST
POISON OF ALL!
ARE YOU
SUICIDAL?



MY RIVALS
SEEDED ME WITH
MANUFACTURED
VIRUS. MY OWN
BLOOD IS
KILLING ME.

PURGATORI 2



I AM
STRONGER
THAN EVER,
FOR NOW,
BUT I *BURN*
LIKE A
TORCH.

THE
GREAT DARK
BIRD!

AHHH!



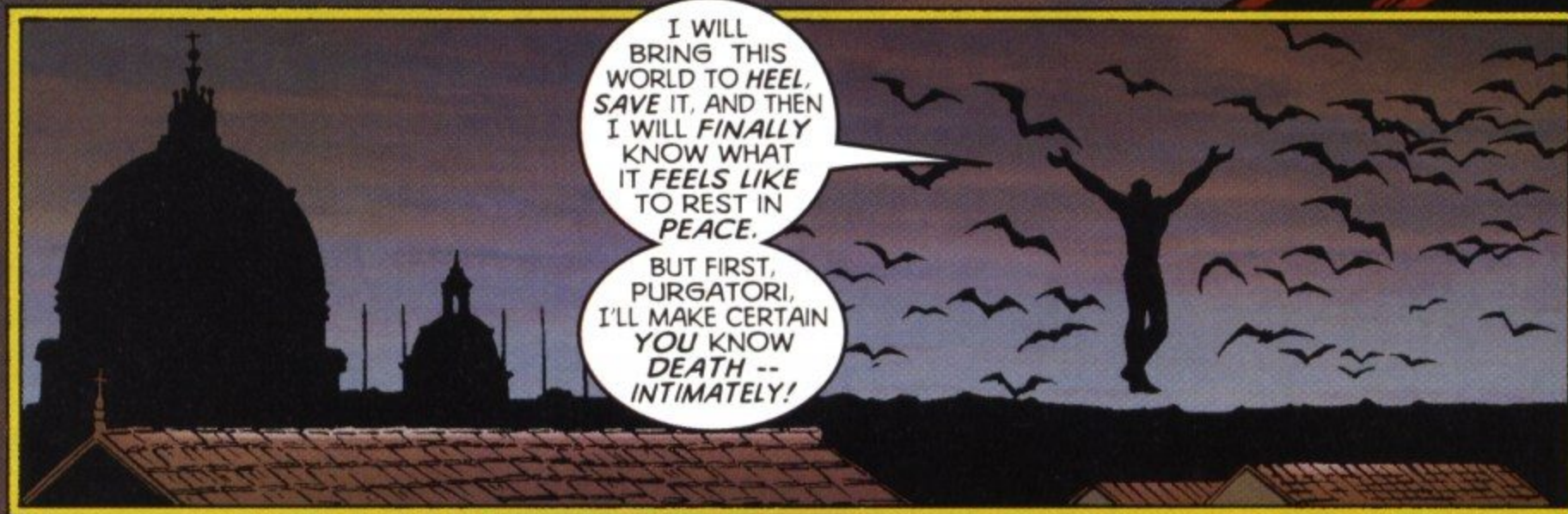
YOU
CANNOT
DEFEAT
ME!

K6666H



I HAVE
NOTHING
TO LOSE!

HAHAHA!



I WILL
BRING THIS
WORLD TO **HEEL**.
SAVE IT, AND THEN
I WILL **FINALLY**
KNOW WHAT
IT **FEELS LIKE**
TO REST IN
PEACE.

BUT FIRST,
PURGATORI,
I'LL MAKE CERTAIN
YOU KNOW
DEATH --
INTIMATELY!

BLOOD
ALCHEMY'S
EXHAUSTED. NEED
BLOOD! BUT I CAN'T
SUFFER DRACULA'S
MESSIAH ACT
A MOMENT
LONGER!

EVEN IF IT
RUINS ME,
DRACULA, YOU DIE
TONIGHT!

PULL ME,
THEN, COME
ON!

ARRGH!

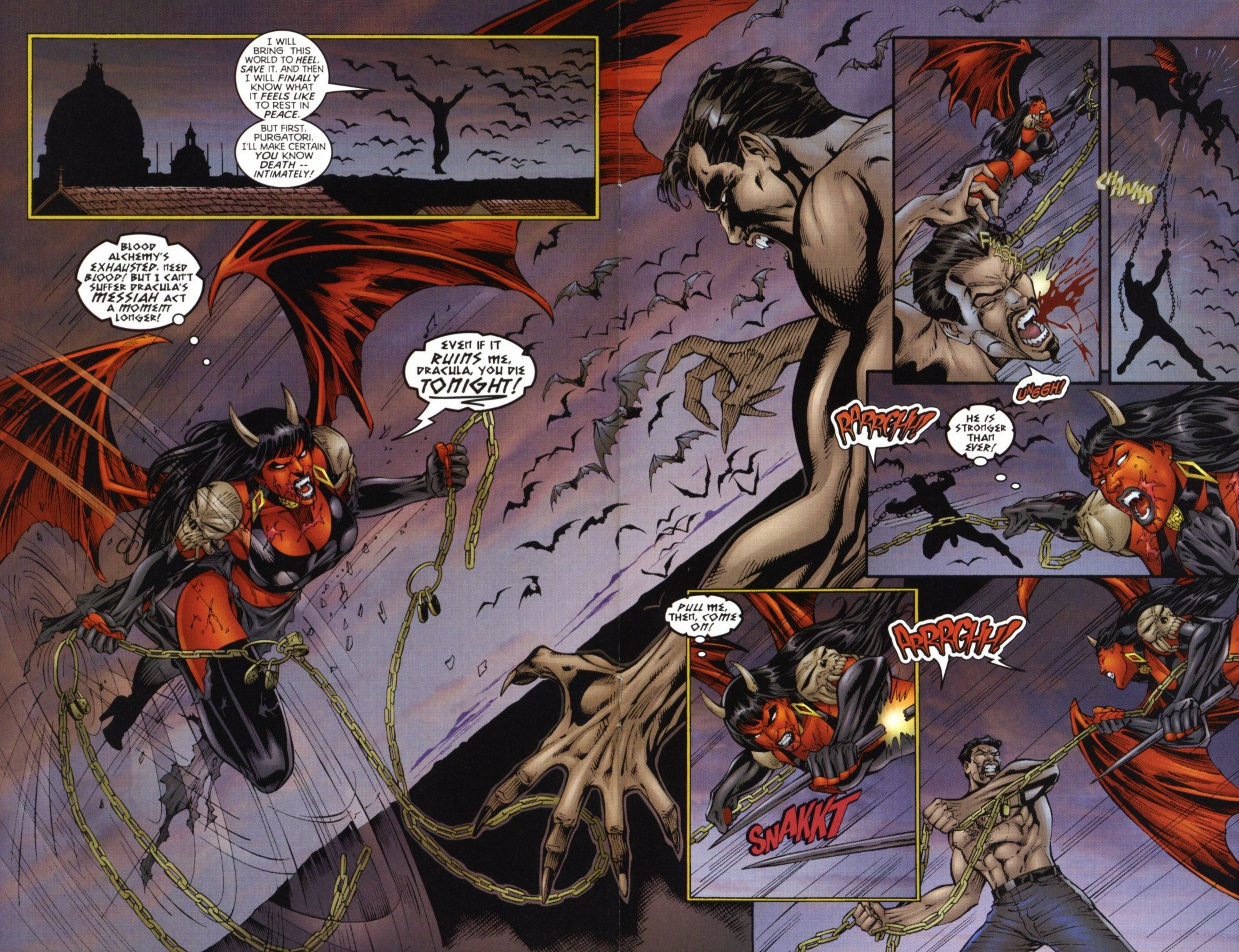
HE IS
STRONGER
THAN
EVER!

UNGHH!

ARRGH!

SNACKT

CHANKK



HSSST!

MISSED
MY HEART,
PURGATORI!



PARRRH

HSSST!



I
WASN'T
AIMING
FOR YOUR
HEART.



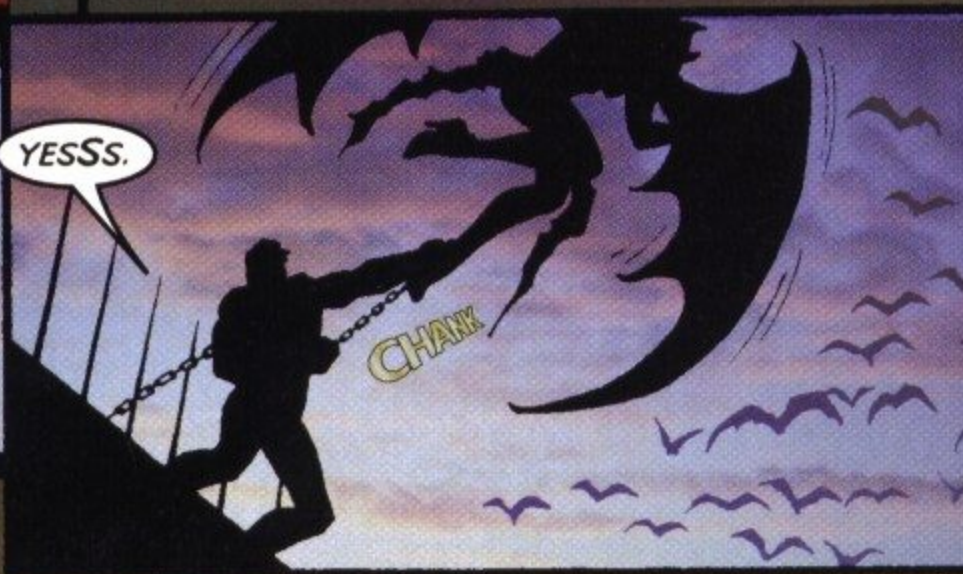
NINGH!

HAHAHA!

CHANK



I'D RATHER
TIE YOU DOWN
TO GREET THE
PAWIT!



YESSS.



HAHAHA!



WE GREET
DAWN...
TOGETHER.



STEPHEN!
HURRY!
THE OCTARINE
KEY!



WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?
THE SUN'S RISING,
IMBECILE!



YES, I AM AN *IMBECILE*.
I SHOULD KNOW MY
PLACE.



WHAT?!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?
NO!



FOR MY
SAKE, AND THE
SAKE OF MY
FLOCK, I WILL
CHANGE MY
DEVOTION.
I CHOOSE
TO ASPIRE
HIGHER AND
FOLLOW YOU...
GODDESS.

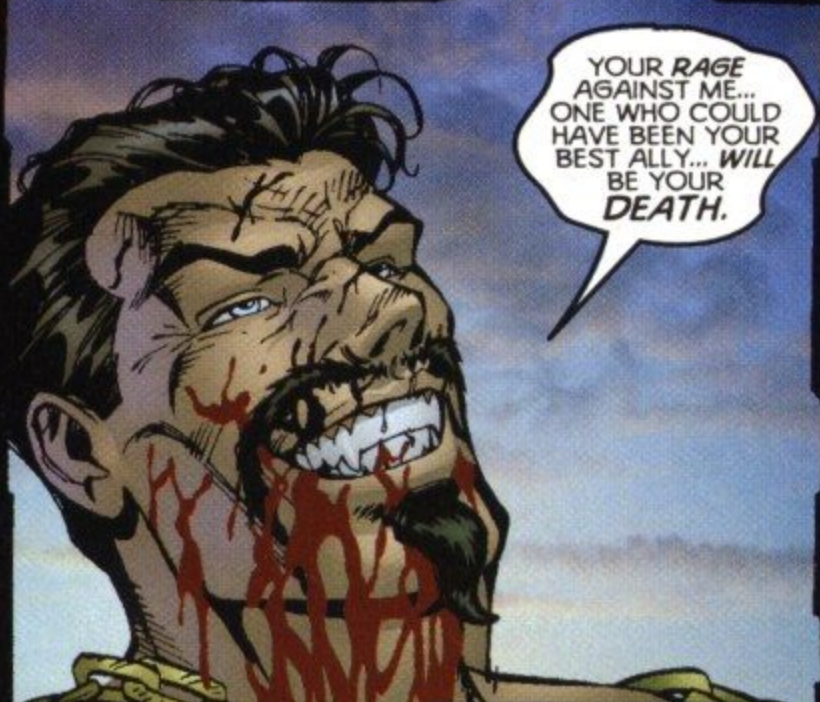


SO MUCH
FOR YOUR
"NATION OF
THE NIGHT,"
DRACULA!

HA
HA
HA



HSST! TOO
LATE! I
BURST!



YOUR RAGE
AGAINST ME...
ONE WHO COULD
HAVE BEEN YOUR
BEST ALLY... WILL
BE YOUR
DEATH.



TAKING
ME WITH
YOU, ARE YOU,
MY DEAR
COWIT?

BECAUSE
YOU EXHAUSTED
ME, STARVED ME OF
BLOOD SO CLEVERLY,
AND NOW WE'LL DIE,
SIDE-BY-SIDE,
YES?

SPARE
ME YOUR
SICK
FANTASIES!

COHHH

HRUGH!



YOUR BLOOD MAY BE POISON,
AHH, BUT YOUR HEART!
WHEN
YOUR LIFELESS
HEART TAKES
ITS VERY FIRST
NEW BEAT --



YOUR
EXISTENCE
WILL BE
SMUFFED
OUT --



BUT YOUR
HEART WILL
THROB WITH
NEW, CLEAN,
POWERFUL --

...BAM!



OPEN
WIDE.

HAHAHA!



ENJOY
THE DAY!



THEN, REELING WITH
THE POWER OF NEW
HEALING BLOOD, I
TORE MY WAY BACK
TO YOU, SATRIKA --
WHILE THE GREAT
"DARK BIRD" FED
THE PAWN.

MMM...



LET ME UNDERSTAND. YOU RIPPED
OUT HIS FANGS.

THOSE
CULTISH SLAVES
OF DRACULA'S YOU
CLAIMED TO HATE --
THEY'LL NOW FOLLOW
YOU BECAUSE
YOU WEAR HIS
FANGS?





NNNH!
YOU'RE
HURTING
ME!

HIS BLOODY
FANGS ARE A
TOTEM! A SYMBOL!
ALL HE COMMANDED,
I NOW COMMAND.
ALL WHO WORSHIPPED
HIM, WORSHIP
ME!

HIS
EARTHLY
POWERS ARE
MINE!

"AT LAST, I AM ON MY
PATH TO ASCENSION -- TO
STORM HEAVEN, HELL --
AND THE MYSTERIOUS
POWERS OF THE
UNSEEN COSMOS!

"AND DON'T FORGET,
SATRINA -- THE FANGS
OF DRACULA ARE A
WARNING TO ANYONE
WHO WOULD DARE
BETRAY ME!

"I ASK YOU THIS,
SATRINA -- NOW
WHO IS THE LORD
OF VAMPIRES?"

"YOU ARE,
PURGATORI.
YOU ARE."

THE END

COMING JUNE 1999
PURGATORI:
GODDESS #1
RISE